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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I submit, Sir, that my answer dealt with the hon. Member's supplementary question. The supplementary question was, if I remember right, who were the people recommended, who were appointed and whether those appointed were those who were recommended. I said it is good not to appoint people who are keen to get appointed."

11-50 a.m. *Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode.*

* 257 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode, Malabar, has started production, and if not; why?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. The construction of the buildings and the installation of the machinery have been completed but the factory could not start production for want of adequate electric power supply. Arrangements are being made to have the necessary electric energy supplied to the factory and it is expected to go into production very soon."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, have the Government any idea of bartering away the management of the factory to private agency? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have no such offer. If the hon. Member would bring one, we shall consider it, Sir."

SRI A. APPU :—" Sir, has any staff been appointed to this factory? May I know also whether a large number of empty tins and drums purchased by the Government kept in the factory have become useless as they were not looked after well? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is a fact that we have a skeleton staff to look after the machinery. I did visit the factory and saw a large number of drums which would be necessary when the factory actually went into production. I do not know what their present condition is. If the hon. Member could put a separate question, I shall answer it."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that raw materials for the factory is available in large quantities at Pollachi, will Government consider shifting it from Kozhikode to Pollachi or Coimbatore? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Of course, Coimbatore is a central place. But the hon. Member will agree that it is not easy to shift a huge factory either to Coimbatore or Pollachi."